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LUSAKA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MCHENRY

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH SYG WALDHEIM

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1. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP APPROVED PM AUGUST 25 DRAFT
TALKING POINTS FOR UPCOMING MEETING IN NEW YORK OF CONTACT
GROUP WITH UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. IN
LIGHT OF PRESENT SCHEDULED ARRIVALS IN NEW YORK OF AMBS MCHENRY
AND MURRAY (UK), UKUN IS NOW ATTEMPTING, ON BEHALF OF CONTACT
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GROUP, TL HAVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AM SEPTEMBER 2.

2. DRAFT TALKING POINTS AS APPROVED BY CONTACT GROUP FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR CONTACT GROUP MEETING WITH SYG WALDHEIM

1) WE WERE VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT, FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS INCLUDING SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA, YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED OFFICIALS OF THE SECRETARIAT TO BEGIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE U.N. ROLE IN NAMIBIA. WE HOPE THAT SUCH PLANNING CAN PROCEED SWIFTLY AND WITH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY, AND WE OFFER OUR FULLEST COOPERATION IN YOUR EFFORT.

2) YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE WESTERN FIVE HAVE HELD WITH SOUTH AFRICA, SWAPO, AND OTHERS HAVE LED TO THE CONCPETION OF A U.N. PRESENCE WHICH WOULD EXIST IN NAMIBIA THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TRANSITIONAL PROCESS LEADING TO INDPEENDENCE. THIS PRESENCE WOULD HAVE THE FUNCTION OF ENSURING THE FAIRNESS AND IMPARTIALITY OF THAT ENTIRE PROCESS.

3) WE ENVISAGE AN OVERALL PLAN FOR U.N. INVOLVEMENT IN MAMIBIA WHICH WILL ENCOMPASS THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS, EACH REQUIRING DETAILED PLANNING.

A. ASSURANCE OF THE ATMOSPHERE AND CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR A FREE AND FAIR ELECTORAL PROCESS. IN THIS REGARD, THE UNN. PRESENCE WILL HAVE TOOVERSEE AMONG OTHER THINGS: A) THE REPEAL OF ALL RESTRUCTIVE OR DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION; B) THE CREATION OF ELECTORAL RULES AND PROCEDURES; C) THE RETURN OF ALL NAMBIANS (INCLUDING POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DETAINEES HELD ESLEWHERE) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICALPROCESS. TO DEAL WITH THIS ELEMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE U.N. WILL NEED TO INSTALL THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND KEY STAFF AT WINDHOEK HEADQUARTERS FROM THE VERY OUTSET.

B. MONITORING OF THE ACTUAL CAMPAIGNING AND VOTING. THIS WILL INVOLVE A MORE SIZEABLE NUMBER OF U.N. PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD. THE SIZE OF THIS GROUP WOULD PEAK AS ELECTION TIME DRAWS NEAR.

C. PREVENTION OF INTIMIDATION FROM ANY QUARTER DURING THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND SUPERVISION OF ANY ARMED FORCES PRESENT IN NAMIBIA. THIS WILL INCLUDE MONITORING ANY AGREED SOUTH AFRICAN SCHEDULE OF WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS AND ANY AGREED RESTRICTION OF TROOPS TO BASES. THE U.N. PRESENCE MAY ALSO BE CALLED UPON TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN NAMIBIA AS SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN. THIS ELEMENT IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE FIRST ELEMENT ANDPROGRESS IN THIS REGARD WILL ALSO NEED TO BEGIN QUICKLY.

4. WE AREINERESTED IN LEARING WHETHER YOU SEE THE AMATTER ALONG THESE LINES AND THE PRESENT STATE OF THE SECRETARIAT'S EFFORTS AT CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

5. MAINTENCE OF THE MONENTUM OF THE CURRENT INITIATIVE IS IMPERATIVE, AND WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO THIS END. THE UNITED NATIONS CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THAT INITIATIVE. OUR GOAL IS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE PARTIES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND BY THAT TIME IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE COMPLETED THE PLANNING STAGES. (HOW CAN WE HELP AND WHEN CAN WE START SITTING DOWN WITH THE SECRETARIAT IN CARRYING THIS FURTHER?)

6) FYI: AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT, WHEN WALDHEIM IS ALONE, EITHER DURING OR AFTER THE MEETING, THE IMPRESSION SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO HIM IF POSSSIBLE, THAT BRIAN URQUHART, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, IS BEST PERSON TO BE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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CHARGE OF ALL CONTINGENCY PLANNING. END FYI.

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